



Mike Moon, son of Gary Moon, K mart 7129, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

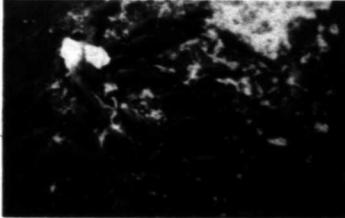
Karate Lessons Pay Off for Sixth Grader

Store reporter Theresa Bean

At a recent Karate Competition held at the Meadville Area High School, Mike Moon, son of Gary Moon, general manager of K mart 7129, Meadville, Pennsylvania, took third place in the Junior Division of the Kata event.

Mike competed against 20 other students of varied degrees and belts to win a trophy. He has studied Karate for one and one half years with Chuck Mucklinhout at the House of Self Defense and is a first degree Green Belt.

The discipline of Karate has given the under five foot, 11-year-old boy self-confidence and developed coordination. As a sixth grader at Neason Hill Elementary School, Mike is active in volleyball, chorus and plays the trumpet in the orchestra and the All-City Orchestra.



A mess of carp going after a piece of bread.
Also at 7129.

A 25 minute drive from K mart 7129 is the Linesville Spillway located on Pymatuning Lake. The Linesville Spillway is most famous for "the ducks that walk on the fish". The phenomenon is caused when people feed bread to the carp in the Spillway.

The carp fight for the bread and pile on top of one another. They are so thick that the ducks actually walk on the fishes backs.

A picture of this phenomenon was acquired by the Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum in Santa Rose, California in 1976. Tourists drive for miles to the Linesville Spillway to see "the ducks that walk on the fish", because there are many non-believers.

Page for a Month

Store reporter Florence McGinnis



Left to right: Anthony Clay, Governor Bill Clinton, Tom Styles.

Anthony Clay and his friend Tom Styles were selected to serve as pages in the State Senate during the month of February.

Anthony is the 14-year-old son of Dorothy Clay who has been bookkeeper at K mart 4052, Fort Smith, Arkansas, for the past 20 years.

Anthony's most recent accomplishment found him winner in the District National History Essay contest and he will also compete in the state competition. He maintains an overall A average in his grades and is interested in politics and law.

Jean Buie Crosses Finish Line

Store reporter Barbara Pooley

Update on the marathon runner from K mart 3296, Boise, Idaho, Jean Buie.

After eight years of running, two years of serious thinking, four months of serious training, one complete sleepless night and two days before she would be 42 years old, the day of her first marathon dawned. This is Jean's story.

"Eight o'clock found me crossing the starting line at Lucky Peak's, Sandy Point, my husband and children waving and wishing me luck."

"The icy wind soon disappeared and sweat began appearing on the runners' shirts. I was running on an overload of adrenaline and had a very hard time finding an easy pace that wouldn't lead me to exhaustion."

"I seemed to be staying pretty close to one runner, and after a little conversation, I learned that he always ran an eight minute mile. I decided to try to stay with him. (That was my usual pace!)."

"When the wind turned against us he told me to get behind him so his body would block the wind for me. This helped."

"At each mile check point, we were still on an exact eight minute pace. My children were always waiting at the water stops, handing me cups of water and my husband snapping pictures. After 14 miles I could feel myself beginning to tire. At this point I said goodbye to my friend and slowed down a little. At 18 miles I thought, "Well, here I go". I had never run 18 miles."

"At the 20 mile point, I was moving slower and began thinking that I might not make it. But I wanted a shirt, and to get it I had to cross the finish line."

"The bottoms of my feet were hurting. The pavement seemed to be pounding into my bones. All the runners encouraged each other."

"As I neared Bronco Stadium, people began to cheer, which seemed to quicken my pace. I still had a lap around the track to reach the finish line."

"The softness of the track eased the pain from the hard pavement on the road. I couldn't help smiling as I reached the end, and heard my name and time announced over the loud speaker, 'I got my shirt!'".

Jean also received a medal for coming in second in the women's 40-49 category. Her time was 3 hours, 49 minutes, 20 seconds. She accomplished her goal of running 26.2 miles.

This Robot Walks, Talks, and Blows Up Balloons

Staff at K mart 7100



Johnetta Wagner, K mart 7100, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and her robot

Johnetta Wagner, K mart 7100, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, might not be one in a million but she is the only personnel and training manager who has her own personal remote control robot.

Johnetta entered a nationwide contest sponsored by Showtime, a cable movie station, and was selected from a quarter of a million participants as the recipient of a \$10,000 robot.

"I entered the contest hoping to win a camera. They were giving away Yashica cameras and I thought I might have a chance of winning one," Johnetta says.

She was shocked when she was notified that she had won the Grand Prize robot.

The robot is remote controlled, walks, talks, has a video tape player and recorder, TV monitor, two cassette players, a reverb sound system, blows a horn, balloons, bubbles and presents business cards. It also has a wireless microphone, and both arms and hands move.

One of the frequent questions asked of Johnetta is, "What are you going to do with it?". The robot was built to entertain and do promotional work and she is planning to use it accordingly.